

PNEUMATIC IMPACT PIERCING TOOL

ABSTRACT

5 A pneumatic ground piercing tool includes a tail assembly including a tail nut and tail cap, the tail cap having a plurality of discharge ports for exhausting spent compressed air, the discharge ports opening into an annular space between a rearwardly opening recess of the tail cap and an air supply conduit such that the exhaust ports are shielded by a side wall of end cap from plugging when the ground piecing tool is operated in reverse mode.